

**(57) Abstract**

The invention relates to a controlling of micromechanical elements. Especially the invention relates to the controlling of the micromechanical switches. According to a method for controlling at least one micromechanical element a first control signal and a second control signal are fed to the micromechanical element. The second control signal is arranged to set the micromechanical element to an active state and the first control signal is arranged to hold the micromechanical element in the active state. An arrangement for controlling at least one micromechanical element (402) contains at least means for generating at least a first control signal and a second control signal, means for raising a voltage level of at least the second control signal and means for feeding the first control signal and the second control signal with raised voltage level to the micromechanical element. By means of the invention lower voltage levels can be used in micromechanical applications.

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